Cases accepted by Government pleaders against Government

601. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Senior Central Government Counsels/Central Government Counsels/Central Government pleaders can accept any case against the Central Government for the court for whom they are Central Government counsel/pleader;

(b) whether the Government is aware that Senior Central Government Counsel/Central Government Counsel/Central Government pleaders are accepting cases against Central Government; and

(c) if so, whether any action has been taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) In so far as the Central Government Counsel who are borne on the various Panels maintained by the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice, are concerned, there is a restriction to the effect that a Counsel shall not advise any party in or accept any case against the Government of India in which he has appeared or is likely to be called upon to appear for or advise or which is likely to affect or lead to litigation against the Government of India.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Formation of all India Judicial Service

602. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of judges in different High Courts and the Supreme Court lying vacant;

(b) actions taken to fill these posts;

(c) whether any progress has been made in the formation of All India Judicial Service; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) As on 1-11-1987 there were 50 vacancies of Judges in the High Courts and 10 vacancies of Judges in the Supreme Court. Filling up of these vacancies of Judges in the Supreme Court and High Courts is being done by the Government in consultation with concerned constitutional authorities. A statement giving the High Court wise break-up of vacancies is enclosed. (*See* Appendix CXLIV, Annexure No. 9).

(c) and (d) The matter regarding formation of All India Judicial Service is engaging the attention of the Government.

Shillong bench of Guwahati High Court

603. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of days of sitting of Shillong Bench of Guwahati High Court, and the number of judges of the said bench;

(b) the number of cases pending before the Shillong Bench of Guwahati High Court, for the last three years; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase the number of days of sitting and the number of judges of the Shillong Bench of Guwahati High Court and if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (c) At present, a circuit bench of the Guwahati High Court visits Shillong, the capital of Meghalaya, at the discretion of the Chief Justice.